# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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In re:	)	Chapter 11
FTX TRADING LTD., et al., 1	)	Case No. 22-11068 (JTD)
Debtors.	)	(Jointly Administered)
	)	Objection Deadline: Sept. 18, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. (ET)

SUMMARY COVER SHEET TO THE SEVENTH MONTHLY FEE APPLICATION OF FTI CONSULTING, INC., FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS, FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD\_

JUNE 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023

Name of Applicant:	FTI Consulting, Inc.
Authorized to provide professional services to:	Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors
Date of Retention:	Order entered February 15, 2023, effective as of December 22, 2022 [Docket No. 730]
Period for which compensation and reimbursement are sought:	June 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023
Amount of compensation sought as actual, reasonable, and necessary:	\$1,924,290.00 (80% of \$2,405,362.50)
Amount of expense reimbursement sought as actual, reasonable, and necessary:	\$293,277.61
This is an: X monthlyinterim	_final application.

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## **COMPENSATION BY TIMEKEEPER**

Professional	Position	Specialty	Billing Rate	Total Hours	Total Fees
Chesley, Rachel	Sr Managing Dir	Communications	\$ 1,075	4.3	\$ 4,622.50
Baldo, Diana	Sr Consultant	Communications	525	18.0	9,450.00
McNew, Steven	Sr Managing Dir	Cryptocurrency	1,200	13.0	15,600.00
Carter, Michael	Sr Managing Dir	Cryptocurrency	1,200	3.9	4,680.00
de Brignac, Jessica	Managing Dir	Cryptocurrency	910	39.7	36,127.00
Sheridan, Jeremy	Managing Dir	Cryptocurrency	910	14.2	12,922.00
Leonaitis, Isabelle	Sr Consultant	Cryptocurrency	595	24.2	14,399.00
Vazquez Ortiz, Fredrix	Sr Consultant	Cryptocurrency	595	19.0	11,305.00
Kamran, Kainat	Consultant	Cryptocurrency	440	40.9	17,996.00
Busen, Michael	Sr Managing Dir	Data & Analytics	1,325	12.0	15,900.00
Garofalo, Michael	Senior Director	Data & Analytics	935	43.3	40,485.50
Jordan, Mason	Sr Consultant	Data & Analytics	635	88.0	55,880.00
Kimche, Livia	Consultant	Data & Analytics	475	9.9	4,702.50
Risler, Franck	Sr Managing Dir	Derivatives	1,725	153.0	263,925.00
Rousskikh, Valeri	Managing Dir	Derivatives	1,300	58.8	76,440.00
Diodato, Michael	Managing Dir	Derivatives	1,210	134.0	162,140.00
Kubali, Volkan	Managing Dir	Derivatives	1,210	12.1	14,641.00
Watson, Ching	Managing Director	Derivatives	1,210	30.9	37,389.00
Majkowski, Stephanie	Senior Director	Derivatives	1,100	125.2	137,720.00
Guo, Xueying	Director	Derivatives	975	73.8	71,955.00
Langer, Cameron	Director	Derivatives	920	164.1	150,972.00
Greenblatt, Matthew	Sr Managing Dir	Forensic Accounting	1,325	0.5	662.50
Baer, Laura	Senior Director	Forensic Accounting	975	32.5	31,687.50
Fiorillo, Julianna	Director	Forensic Accounting	835	40.5	33,817.50
Anastasiou, Anastis	Director	Forensic Accounting	785	117.3	92,080.50
Steven, Kira	Director	Forensic Accounting	835	93.5	78,072.50
Famiglietti, Tyler	Sr Consultant	Forensic Accounting	695	67.6	46,982.00
Marsella, Jenna	Sr Consultant	Forensic Accounting	635	88.7	56,324.50
Stillman, Beulah	Consultant	Forensic Accounting	475	174.7	82,982.50
Rothschild, Elijah	Consultant	Forensic Accounting	475	41.0	19,475.00
Shaik, Ismail	Consultant	Forensic Accounting	475	156.9	74,527.50
Reid, Matthew	Consultant	Forensic Accounting	475	155.3	73,767.50
Tantleff, Alan	Senior Managing Dir	Real Estate	1,250	7.8	9,750.00
Walden, Michael	Senior Director	Real Estate	800	19.6	15,680.00
Kang, Nicholas	Consultant	Real Estate	395	29.8	11,771.00
Simms, Steven	Sr Managing Dir	Restructuring	1,495	53.0	79,235.00
Joffe, Steven	Sr Managing Dir	Restructuring	1,325	2.2	2,915.00
Diaz, Matthew	Sr Managing Dir	Restructuring	1,325	83.9	111,167.50
Bromberg, Brian	Managing Dir	Restructuring	985	173.6	170,996.00
Gray, Michael	Sr Consultant	Restructuring	695	80.0	55,600.00
Dawson, Maxwell	Sr Consultant	Restructuring	635	205.2	130,302.00
Sveen, Andrew	Consultant	Restructuring	475	143.0	67,925.00
Hellmund-Mora, Marili	Manager	Restructuring	325	1.2	390.00
GRAND TOTAL				2,850.1	\$ 2,405,362.50

## **COMPENSATION BY PROJECT CATEGORY**

		Total	Total
Task Code	Task Description	Hours	Fees
1	Current Operating Results & Events	3.6	\$ 3,435.00
2	Cash & Liquidity Analysis	78.6	55,265.00
5	Real Estate Issues	59.8	40,357.00
9	Analysis of Employee Comp Programs	0.4	254.00
10	Analysis of Tax Issues	3.4	4,097.00
11	Prepare for and Attend Court Hearings	3.5	3,711.50
12	Analysis of SOFAs & SOALs	1.7	1,674.50
13	Analysis of Other Miscellaneous Motions	23.1	22,595.00
14	Analysis of Claims/Liabilities Subject to Compromise	167.8	187,579.50
16	Analysis, Negotiate and Form of POR & DS	409.2	352,058.00
18	Potential Avoidance Actions & Litigation	1,156.0	731,759.00
21	General Meetings with UCC and UCC Counsel	53.5	72,615.50
24	Preparation of Fee Application	123.1	70,933.50
26	Cryptocurrency/Digital Assets Issues	716.2	804,664.00
27	Communications Planning & Execution	22.3	14,072.50
29	Exchange Restart	27.9	40,291.50
	GRAND TOTAL	2,850.1	\$ 2,405,362.50

## **SUMMARY OF EXPENSES**

Expense Type	Amount
Electronic Subscriptions	\$ 1,000.00
Legal Expenses	290,971.90
Lodging	394.90
Transportation	145.21
Travel Expenses	558.00
Working Meals	207.60
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 293,277.61

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SEVENTH MONTHLY FEE APPLICATION OF FTI CONSULTING, INC., FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS, FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023

Pursuant to sections 330 and 331 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), Rule 2016-2 of the Bankruptcy Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Local Rules"), the Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals (the "Administrative Order") [D.I. 435], the consulting firm FTI Consulting, Inc., together with its wholly owned subsidiaries ("FTI"), as financial advisor to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") appointed in these chapter 11 cases, hereby submits this Seventh Monthly Fee Application of FTI Consulting, Inc., Financial Advisor to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, for Allowance of

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Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses for the Period June 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023 (the "Application Period").

#### **BACKGROUND**

- 1. On November 11 and November 14, 2022 <sup>2</sup> (separately or collectively, the "<u>Petition</u> <u>Date</u>"), the Debtors commenced these chapter 11 cases by filing petitions for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (the "<u>Chapter 11 Cases</u>").
- 2. On December 20, 2022, the U.S. Trustee filed an *Amended Notice of Appointment* of *Committee of Unsecured Creditors* [D.I. 261] appointing the Committee.
- 3. On February 15, 2023, the Court entered the *Order Authorizing Retention of FTI Consulting, Inc. as Financial Advisor for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors* [D.I. 730] (the "Retention Order").

### **RELIEF REQUESTED**

4. FTI submits this Fee Application pursuant to the Bankruptcy Rules, the Administrative Order, and the Retention Order. By this Fee Application, FTI seeks (i) allowance of compensation for actual and necessary professional services rendered in the amount of \$2,405,362.50 for the Application Period, (ii) payment of \$1,924,290.00 (80% of the total fees for the Application Period), and (iii) reimbursement of \$293,277.61 for actual and necessary expenses incurred, in accordance with the terms of the Administrative Order. FTI reserves the right to request, in subsequent fee applications, reimbursement of any additional fees and expenses incurred during the Application Period, as such fees and expenses may not have been captured in FTI's billing system as of the date of filing this Fee Application.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> November 11, 2022 is the Petition Date for all Debtors, except for Debtor West Realm Shires Inc.

#### **SUMMARY OF FEES**

- 5. The total number of hours expended by FTI professionals and paraprofessionals in performing services for the Committee during the Application Period was 2,850.1 hours. Pursuant to the Retention Order, FTI is entitled to monthly compensation for its services provided to the Committee at its current hourly rates, plus reimbursement of necessary out of pocket expenses.
- 6. Services rendered by (i) each professional and paraprofessional, (ii) a summary of the time incurred by task, (iii) detailed time entries during the Application Period, (iv) summary of the expenses incurred by task, (v) detailed expense entries, and (vi) an invoice of Kramer Levin's fees and expenses incurred in relation the FTI's retention in these Chapter 11 cases are attached hereto as **Exhibit A, Exhibit B, Exhibit C, Exhibit D, Exhibit E,** and **Exhibit F** respectively.
- 7. Services provided by FTI during the Application Period included, but were not limited to, analysis of the Debtors' cash holdings and liquidity, claims valuation analysis, waterfall recovery analysis, investigative work regarding potential avoidance actions and litigation, analysis regarding the Debtors' cryptocurrency and digital asset holdings, analysis of the Debtors' cybersecurity environment and related issues, and work regarding the possibility of a restart of the Debtors' pre-petition exchange.

### ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES

8. FTI also incurred actual and necessary out-of-pocket expenses in the amount of \$293,277.61. **Exhibit E** also includes a detailed statement of this expense broken down by category. FTI reserves the right to request, in subsequent fee applications, reimbursement of any additional expenses incurred during the Application Period, as such expenses may not have been captured in FTI's billing system on the date of filing this Fee Application.

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**CONCLUSION** 

WHEREFORE, FTI respectfully requests allowance of compensation for professional

services rendered as financial advisor to the Committee during the Application Period in the

amount of \$2,405,362.50 and actual and necessary expenses incurred in the amount of \$293,277.61

and payment of \$2,217,567.61 (80% of the total fees for the Application Period and 100% of

expenses) pursuant to the Administrative Order, and such other and further relief that the Court

deems just and proper.

Dated: August 28, 2023

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VERIFICATION PURSUANT TO DEL. BANKR. L.R. 2016-2(g) AND 28 U.S.C. § 1746

I, Matthew Diaz, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, to the best of my knowledge and belief,

and after reasonable inquiry, declare as follows:

1. I am a Senior Managing Director with the consulting firm FTI Consulting, Inc.,

together with its wholly owned subsidiaries ("FTI"). FTI has rendered professional services to the

Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") in these Chapter 11 cases.

2. I have read the foregoing statement of FTI for compensation and reimbursement of

expenses (the "Fee Application"). To the best of my knowledge, information and belief formed

upon the basis of my participation in this case, as well as after reasonable inquiry, the facts set

forth in the foregoing Fee Application are true and correct and materially comply with the

applicable orders, rules, guidelines, and requirements as set forth by the Bankruptcy Code, the

Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, Del. Bankr. L.R. 2016-2, and the Executive Office for the

United States Trustee.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the forgoing is true

and correct, to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

Executed on: August 28, 2023

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